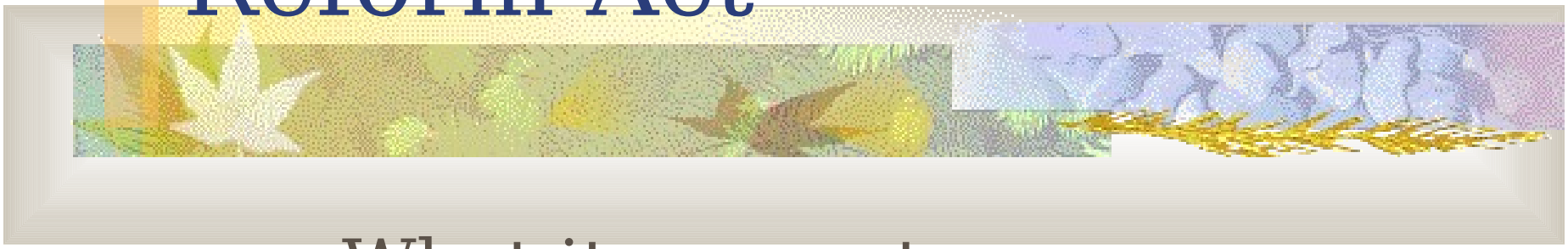
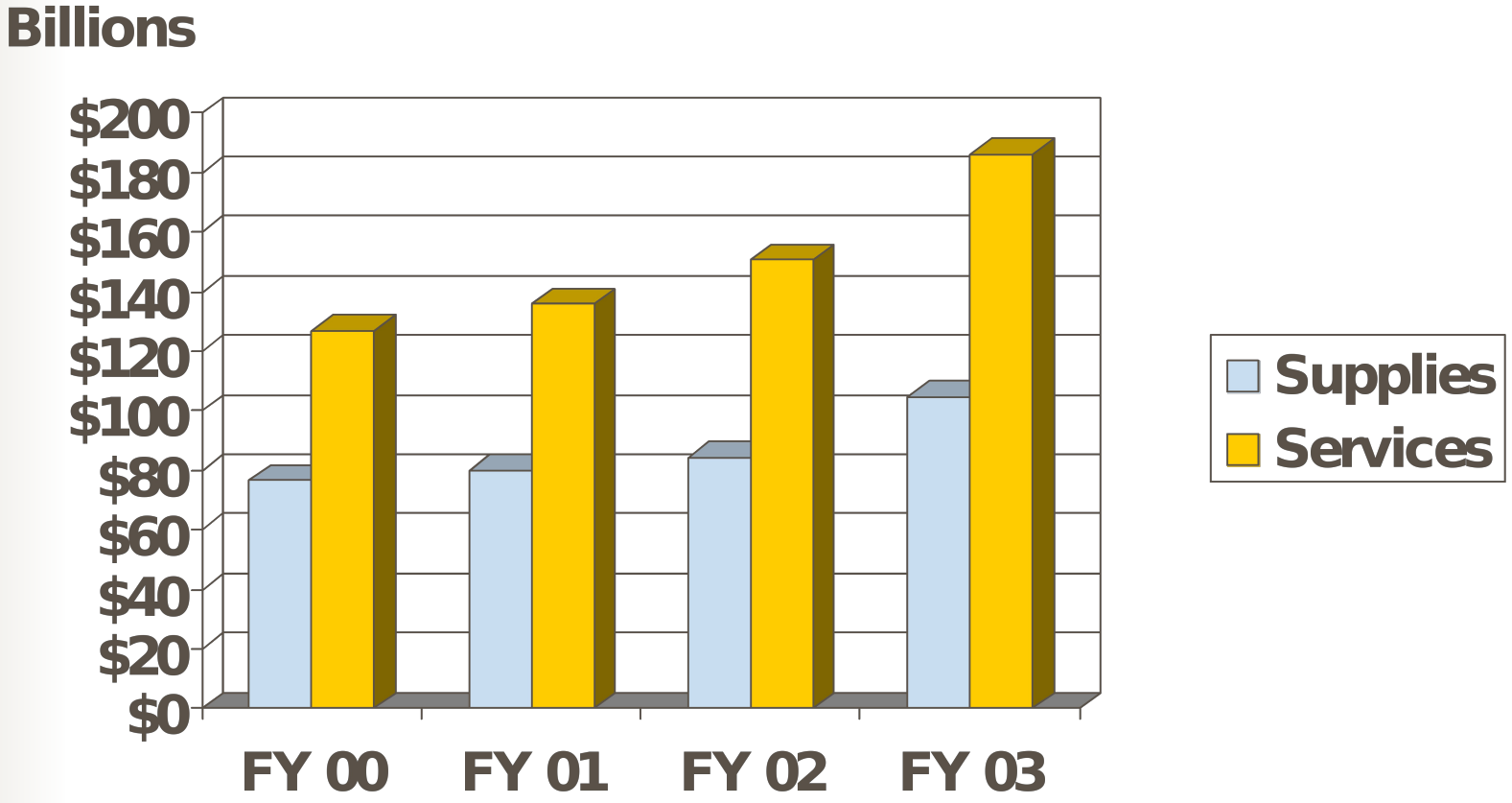
Service Acquisition Reform Act



What it means to you.

FPDS Data
All Actions over $25,000



Background

- Previous acquisition reforms have focused on improving the way we purchase supplies.
- Now that more dollars are spent on services, improving how we buy services has come to the forefront.
- Congress has worked to streamline services acquisition for a couple of years.

National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2004

- Each year the NDAA provides the authorization of appropriations for DoD programs.
- FY 2004 NDAA includes authorization for:
  - Procurement of aircraft, ships, weapons, construction, etc.;
  - Research & development;
  - Operations & Maintenance;

National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2004, con't

- Personnel (includes DoD & civilian agency);
- Acquisition policy & management;
- Matters relating to other Nations;
- Services acquisition reform;
- Department of Energy, National Security Programs;
- Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration; and others.

Title XIV – Services Acquisition Reform

- Also referred to as the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003;
- Addressed:
  - Acquisition workforce & training
  - Business management practices;
  - Commercial items; and others.

Acquisition Workforce & Training

- Added a definition for acquisition;
- Required GSA to establish an acquisition workforce training fund;
- Authorized agencies to identify acquisition positions as “shortage category”; and
- Required a plan to maintain an A&E acquisition workforce.

Acquisition Training Fund

- Applies to Civilian Agencies, not DoD;
- 5% of the Industrial Funding Fee paid by GSA contractors on FSS & GWAC orders will fund the training; and
- Based on FY 02 dollars, funds would be $5.5 Million.
- To date $3.4 million in the fund

Acquisition Training

- Acquisition training organizations will partner to avoid duplication of training initiatives.
- Current training projects include:
  - Working with DAU to create new training courses:
    - Level I & II certification courses;
    - Cross-functional Services Acquisition course; and
    - JIT training for new policy releases;

Acquisition Training, con’t

- Updating the COR/COTR training;
- Identify additional training requirements for:
  - Program/Project Management
  - Earned Value Methods
- Migrating to GoLearn to obtain "economies of scale" in the acquisition of training courseware;

Business Management Practices

- Creates a Chief Acquisition Officer position in Civilian agencies;
- Established a Chief Acquisition Officers Council
- Established an advisory panel to advise on commercial practices, PBC, GWACs, etc.;

Business Management Practices, con't

- Increased threshold for A&E contracts for MILCON to $300,000, effective June 8, 04; Required a FAR change to allow contractor employees to telecommute, effective 10/5/04;
- Established a center of excellence for service contracting, roll-out 11/18/04;

Business Management Practices, con't

- Allowed performance-based services to be treated as commercial items, effective 6/18/2004;
- Authorized the use of T&M/Labor-hour contract for commercial services;

Business Management Practices, con't

- Authorized the use of other transactions for R&D to facilitate defense against terrorism;
- Contracts to build, repair, and maintain the infrastructure of Iraq awarded without full & open competition must be published in Federal Register or FEDBIZOPS; and
- Authorized special emergency procurement authority, effective 2/23/04.

Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services

- To assist the acquisition community in acquiring services by:
  - Identifying public & private sector service contacting best practices; and
  - Serving as a clearinghouse for public & private sector best practices for service contracting.

ACE will include

- Areas for best practices, e-tools, policy & guidance, & training;
- Virtual experts; and
- Will complement & enhance services courses being developed.

ACE Service Categories

Initially include sections for

- Support Services
- GOCO
- ADP & Telecommunications
- Equipment, Maintenance & repair, and
- Utilities

Acquisition Center of Excellence for Services

Recap

SARA will significantly change the way we buy services by:

- Extending to services the commercial reforms that FASA brought to supplies;
- Elevating the acquisition role within the agency; and
- Recognizing the importance of a well trained acquisition workforce.

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